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RE: Fire Debris Removal FINAL NOTICE

Dear Property Owner:

The County has made numerous attempts to reach you regarding the cleanup status of your property damaged or destroyed by the fires of October 2007 in the mountains. Properties whose owners have not advised the County of the cleanup status before **March 10, 2008** will be referred to County Code Enforcement Division for action.

For many reasons there is an overall need to have the properties cleaned up. The County's goal is to have all affected properties cleaned up by spring so rebuilding can begin and to avoid the blighted remnants of homes we have experienced from previous disasters. Please use the enclosed pre-paid post card to advise the County. Or you can e-mail your response to solidwaste@swm.sbcounty.gov (please include the Assessor Parcel Number and Property Owners Name & contact phone number).

The voluntary County Fire Debris Removal Program can only clean up a property at no out-of-pocket cost to the property owner if the property owner signs up with the program before the deadline. This program financially assists property owners with the cost of cleanup by combining Federal, State and Local government assistance funding and supplementing that funding with the owner's property insurance debris cleanup proceeds. Do not assume the property is automatically enrolled in the program; the property owner(s) must sign up. If you are receiving this letter, the status of the removal of fire debris from your property is not clear to the County.

If you are planning on doing the work yourself or use a contractor, please remember that fire debris cannot be accepted at the transfer station and must be taken to the Mid-Valley Landfill in Rialto. All loads must be pre-approved for disposal. Please call the Debris Removal Center at 909-867-7579 for load tickets.

Property owners must let the County know their intentions regarding property cleanup before the deadline to avoid expensive enforcement action. **This letter serves as your FINAL NOTICE before the property is referred to Code Enforcement.**

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Cleanup of properties through Code Enforcement action will result in the full cost of cleanup and administrative fees being borne by the property owner. Federal, State and Local Assistance funding can not be used to assist property owners with cost of cleanup if the property is cleaned up under a Code Enforcement action. This cost is estimated to be in excess of \$30,000 per property. The Code Enforcement Division can be reached at 909-387-3107.

The County is dedicated to informing all affected property owners of the options available to them. The County is committed to facilitating the cleanup of fire damaged properties and assuring that the entire affected areas are cleaned up for the benefit of the community as a whole. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call my office at 909-386-8701.

Thank you in advance for responding. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Wulfman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "W".

Peter H. Wulfman
Division Manager

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